

## GILBERT ISLANDS

### Voyage of the Missionary Packet.

#### HARRY SWINTON TELLS STORY

#### Children and Teachers Returning Home.

#### Changes in Ministers—Difficulty in Supplies—Some of the Steamer's Cargo.

Harry Swinton has finished his story of the cruise of the missionary packet *Morning Star* among the islands of the Marshall group, and in this morning's *Advertiser* begins the cruise among the Gilbert Islands, which will, no doubt, prove of even greater interest than the former. The story is to be wholly relied upon as correct, for Mr. Swinton did not trust to his memory in relating the events which transpired, and the things he saw, but jotted them down on the spot. Here is the beginning of what Mr. Swinton has to say about the Gilbert Islands:

After lying in Kusaie 10 days from our Marshall Island trip, in order to get the ship ready for the Gilbert Group, we weighed anchor the 2d of December for Butaritari—our first port—with 60 natives and 11 foreigners as passengers.

Most of the native passengers were school girls and boys who went to visit their relations. The balance were lay teachers, some to be landed where teachers were required. Two couples were bound for Barmun Island, to be left there as teacher or pastor—in fact, both.

The foreigners composed the principals of the Gilbert Kusaie Mission Station and assistants: Mr. Channon, wife and family, eight all told; Miss Wilson, who is head of the Girls' School; Miss Foss, who helps Mr. Channon; Mr. Walkup, who goes to visit and pay his Gilbert Island pastures and teachers. Counting the ship's company (14), we had on board 85 souls, all told. One can well imagine that there was not much room to spare when it is considered that the natives had a lot of trash which they took along to give away to their friends.

In the first place, they had the quarter deck almost completely covered with hammocks and canoes, while both sides of the alley-ways in the 'tween decks were covered with bananas hung up along the rails. The 'tween decks aft were reserved on one side for sleeping quarters for those who could not find a sleeping place anywhere else. On the starboard side, the captain had built a room for the steward, as there was no space for him in the cabin.

Forward of that one would see boxes of plants and other trash, too numerous to mention, lying around. There was forward in the 'tween decks two steerage compartments, one for married couples, the other for school boys. The space for the latter was inadequate, hence the reserved place in the 'tween decks, aft, was calculated for those who could not find accommodation there.

In these steerage compartments were piled trunks and baggage; that is to say, all that could be put there. The rest was put in the main hatch. In that place was bundled all the freight each one brought with him. There were quite a number of boxes of stone from Kusaie which were taken to be given friends to make "imous," as there is no hard stone in the Gilberts for that purpose.

On the hatch, forward, were piled more boxes of plants. There was just a little space forward of the steward's room to take in and put out freight. Forward of the cabin was the girls' room, with the door leading into the cabin.

This, then, was our condition when we set sail for the Gilbert Islands. The first few days out, most of our passengers were kept busy paying their respects to old Neptune. That, of course, was to be expected. They made up for lost time, however, when they found their sea legs. Mrs. Channon was the only one who could not get over her sea sickness, the least motion of the ship at sea was enough to upset her.

After a tedious passage of 16 days, with adverse winds all the way, we finally anchored in Butaritari. It was our intention to make Makin first, but owing to bad weather, we gave up the idea. We had already sighted the place to windward of us. We then put off for Butaritari as above stated.

There we found the people all well, with the exception of Mrs. Mitchell, and certain to her ill health, Mr. Mitchell and family came up to Honolulu with us.

It was Saturday, the 28th of December, when we let go anchor in Butaritari. The next day being Sunday, we all went ashore to church; that is to say, all the school girls and boys, Miss Wilson and myself. On the way to the shore, a squall overtook us, and by the time we got to the stone wharf everybody was soaking wet. They all looked more like drowned rats than anything else. Myself and two or three others had the good fortune to have oilskins on; nevertheless, we were wet also.

Arriving ashore, most of them concluded to return to the ship, which they did, after eating up the lunch they had taken ashore for their dinner. Some eight or more of us weathered it out, attended divine service, led by the

pastor, Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Walkup and myself were called on to speak a few words to the people, which we did willingly. After service, Mr. Walkup went on board with the crowd, who had congregated in a cobra house at the head of the stone wharf.

I went over to Mr. Mitchell's house to see Mrs. Mitchell, who was ill. Stopped there to dine and remained until the boat came ashore in the afternoon for those who were on shore. Got aboard at 4 o'clock.

We did not have much of a congregation, there being some 50 odd. The pastor informed me that the people were a hard lot of citizens, more especially since the Catholics settled there.

One reason there were not more, was, I suppose, because of the weather. It was raining most of the forenoon, which prevented those on the outskirts of the town from coming in.

I was told that the Catholics were making quite an inroad into the affections of the people, and if we were to hold our own here we must have men in the group who happened to be possessed of more than ordinary ability. It is to be regretted that Mr. Mitchell had to leave, for he was the "right man in the right place"—energetic, blessed with good common sense, brave and courageous, a match in controversy with the priest there (priests are scattered all over the group) on any subject in the Bible. He had them so well in hand that they feared him, deeming him a thorn in the way. They were much elated at the turn of affairs, making it necessary for Mr. Mitchell to leave. They now have the field to themselves.

We left Messrs. Anderson and Skumfeldt in Mr. Mitchell's place until some one should be sent from Honolulu to relieve them. I do not believe they can fill the place as well as Mr. Mitchell did. As I have already stated, we must have there men of more than ordinary ability. It is not everybody who can go there and make a success of it. We want men of the stamp of Mr. Mitchell.

We stayed there until the morning of the 23d. After taking on board all the missionary stores we left there on our way down from Honolulu, we weighed anchor at 6:30 a. m. for Makin, an island just six miles across to the eastward of this one. The way we had to go to get to it made the distance fully 20 miles. We went out of the lagoon on the west side, then around the north point, and then we steered almost due east as soon as possible. As the arrangements are now, we land all freight in Butaritari on the Star's way down from Honolulu. She will then proceed to the westward. In five months' time, she will return to Butaritari, taking the same freight on board again. In a week or two after arrival the missionaries get their provisions.

It must be remembered that the Gilbert Islands are not overstocked with the food which the missionaries are used to. They depend altogether on what they order to be sent to them. From the time they order these provisions until they get them is just one year.

It seems to me a better way could be devised so that they can get their supplies earlier. Why cannot the Star land their freight on her way down from Honolulu right on the island where they are living. It would not detain her more than a week or so. It would be only a matter of calling at Tapetnea and Maiana and then on to Butaritari. I doubt if it would detain the Star as long as I have stated. Even if it should take a little longer, where would be the odds?

But before proceeding I would like to say a few words in regard to the way our Hawaiian missionaries' freight is handled—not in any way to find fault with the present arrangements—but to make a suggestion by which every one concerned would be satisfied—more especially the Hawaiian missionaries themselves. This is a way be devised by which they can get their goods sooner.

HARRY SWINTON.  
[To be Continued.]

#### WHERE IS LONDON?

How a Pedagogue from Sydney Was "Called Down."

A good joke is told on a pedagogue who recently arrived on these shores with the avowed intention of showing the teachers here their absolute ignorance of the art of instructing the youthful mind.

Shortly after his arrival he visited one of the schools of the city, and, entering one of the rooms during the progress of a lesson in geography, asked the principal, who accompanied him, for the pleasure, first, and the privilege, second, of asking a few simple questions as a test. He was granted the wish, and was soon busy thinking up what question would be a good starter. The latitude and longitude of Sydney, N. S. W., occurred to him, and he immediately put the question. There was an uninterrupted silence on the part of the pupils, and a smile of pleasure and contentment on the face of the pedagogue.

"What, don't know the latitude and longitude of Sydney, New South Wales? One of the great cities of the world? Surprised! Surprised! Something sadly lacking! Why? Why? remarked the pedagogue.

The principal answered that the children had not been required to learn the latitude and longitude of various places, and added the fact that he did not consider such a knowledge of any great importance. "But, sir, I should feel very much indebted to you if you would refresh my memory on the latitude and longitude of London, the large and very important city you name as your birthplace. This time the uninterrupted silence was on the part of the pedagogue, and the smile of pleasure and contentment on the faces of the pupils.

Seeking to relieve the pressure of what seemed to be a desperate search after molecules of the gray matter in the brain of a certain one present, or a total ignorance of the question put, the principal asked the pedagogue for the latitude and longitude of New York. There was the same silence, this time interrupted by the very intel-

ligent exclamations, "Hem!" "Well!" etc.

It is understood that the pedagogue has written letters to the various printers of geographies, attempting to make clear to them the advisability of leaving latitude and longitude out of the make-up of the various maps. This, of course, will produce a profound jumble, but then, better so.

#### An Orchard Post.

BERKELEY, Cal., May 15.—Prof. C. W. Woodworth of the department of entomology of the university, left this evening for Willis, Colusa County, to investigate a new pest that has appeared in apple and pear orchards in that part of the State. Over 1,000 trees have already succumbed to the ravages of the unknown destroyer.

#### Judge Morrow Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Senate today confirmed the following nominations: William Morrow of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Judicial Circuit; Frank A. Vanderlip of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Brigadier-General Z. R. Bliss, to be Major-General.

#### To Ascend Mount St. Elias.

ROME, May 17.—Prince Luigi di Savoia, Duke of Abruzzi and nephew of King Humbert, started for Liverpool today, with his suite, on his way to New York and San Francisco and Alaska, where the Prince will make an attempt to ascend Mount St. Elias.

Mr. Isaac Horner, proprietor of the Burton House, Burton, W. V., and one of the most widely known men in the state, was cured of rheumatism after three years of suffering. He says: "I have not sufficient command of language to convey any idea of what I suffered, my physicians told me that nothing could be done for me and my friends were fully convinced that nothing but death would relieve me of my suffering. In June, 1894, Mr. Evans, then salesman for the Wheeling Drug Co., recommended Chamberlain's Pain Balm. At this time my foot and limb were swollen to more than double their normal size and it seemed to me my leg would burst, but soon after I began using the Pain Balm the swelling began to decrease, the pain to leave, and now I consider that I am entirely cured." For sale by all druggists and dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaiian Islands.

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